

VIRGINIA

GAZETTE.

ALWAYS FOR LIBERTY.

AND THE PUBLICK GOOD.



High HEAVEN to GRACIOUS ENDS directs the STORM!

Mr. PURDIE,

As you may possibly consider this in the nature of an advertisement, I have directed you shall be paid for inserting it in your Gazette, but at the same time, as a gentleman declaring himself *Always for the publick good*, unless you are too absolute in the *me judice* what shall be so deemed, you will give me leave to hope that your demand for so doing, from the very tenour of the paper, can be but moderate.

Every body almost, I am persuaded, has been convinced that in this our sensible struggle for freedom we should be reduced to the want of real necessities for clothing ourselves and people. Therefore, I must say that I have for some time wished to see a publick spirit exerting itself in every county within this state to erect such manufactories, that might so encourage the poor among us to an active diligence in raising those materials for clothing, which are certainly in every man's power to do, that they may be profitably enough to them returned in what every body should think both decent and warm to wear; for without such an actuating tendency, the making things for our own use only will carry but little temptation with it for others to imitate, where they do not see an opportunity of contributing with a benefit to themselves, by even the feeble assistance of their own industry. And the making purely to sell to others is generally too much tinctured with the sordidness of gain, and will suggest the reflection of endeavouring to raise an estate (as it were) out of the necessities of others. And as to all kinds of importations of goods for that purpose, it seems hardly possible for any pocket in the country long to purchase them, monopolising having in so short a time arisen to such a prodigious enormity; but here I do suppose I must be silent, lest I offend against some examples, that have really screened themselves under the pretext of encouraging trade forsooth among us, but which, however speciously it may have passed, will discover itself to be but one of the flagrant artifices of a most destructive and filthy lucre. For these reasons, my conversations have frequently turned on some scheme similar to the foregoing hint, as the most feasible to its good end, that of encouraging every inhabitant, let him be ever so poor, to assist in providing his own raiment, especially those families whose hardy sons are engaging in the defence of our liberties. But as conversation alone, I saw, would not do, I should ere this have troubled the publick with my thoughts on such a subject, had it not been my lot (some how I know not) to have so disobliterated the press, as always to have found them too much devoted to other matters, to favour my assurance with any thing but the printing an advertisement, and that with money demanded in hand, although A BOOK ACCOUNT WAS STARKING FULL IN ITS FACE; but possibly, in

the present systematical conduct, where the not being a delegate reduces the value of PAST SERVICES to a mere cipher, it is not much to be wondered at. However, although divinity itself has most pathetically informed us all, that one's own country is really but an infertile soil for a man to cultivate a patriotick honour in, a good citizen can never be so unmindful as not to consider that it is his country; and let the example of ingratitude be ever so catching among trifling individuals, he cannot avoid being importunate in his endeavours to serve her, for which reason I have directed my purse to make a tender of this in moderation. Therefore, as an old man, and of course one who can only depend on the honest care of others, I hereby do give notice, that I would gladly employ any skilful person to undertake the instruction of those who shall be put under him in the preparing of hemp, flax, cotton, and wool, in such a manner as to fit them for manufacturing; and to manufacture the same into a tolerable good wearing apparel, such as is generally produced from such materials. Hackles, wheels, looms, gins, &c. I am led to hope may be easily obtained; at least invention may be active enough in some proper succedaneum (if pharmacy will allow the freedom taken with one of its own terms) when its parent necessity shall so loudly call for assistance, on so pressing an occasion as nakedness. Now though I am determining (with God's permission) on such an attempt myself, from a compassionate tenderness ever entertained for the poor, not through a desire of tickling in their modes of a popular esteem, but because I love my country and fellow species; and in that line I am greatly mistaken if I do not clearly see that if the poor do not soon meet with some such respect, too many of them will be under the necessity of growing out of conceit either with themselves or country, from their not having experienced among the pretty things that have been lately made to gladden before their eyes any of that golden humanity which from their very circumstances they must for ever stand in need of. But here also my pen must be still, lest, as the poet has it, *acherontem moveam*; yet I say, if such a scheme shall be agreeable to any body in this county of Richmond, to join with me in it, there can be no difficulty in drawing up proper terms for such an association. I am not fishing or carving for a concealed mode of gain. No! the virtue of endeavouring at a beneficial service to the poor (however ungrateful I care not) shall, as it ever has done, balance the scale of my profit. Some careful experiments may, I should think, demonstrate the practicability or not, according to its intention; and it cannot be any very great expense, if it should turn out fruitless. As to those parts of such a work that may require the assistance of water to facilitate them, I believe no one can be more conveniently

situated than I am — Note, a certain Mr. JAMES CROW from Augusta, hearing of this my intention, came to me in November last, and offered himself as a person fit for the purpose, and really made his demand for carrying it on by the year, which, though dear, I willingly agreed to, and had his promise punctually (though only verbally) to come to me within six weeks, or that I should certainly hear from him by that time; yet, from the 10th of that month to this hour, no one can say that I have been favoured with the least hint whither he intended or not to comply with his promise. Now though I have really suffered much from the disappointment, particularly as it prevented my embracing Col. Cary's kind offer to provide me such a manager, I only hope Mr. Crow has some very good reasons for such a treatment, but should be sorry to hear of one dated from any of the purlieus of malice, as it must argue a weakness not to consider that the perpetual dictatrix in all such places, ENVY, is a monster so double-headed as to wound as much in the advice she gives as she does in the detraction she uses to enforce her advice. I only give him this small hint out of compassion. Perhaps a successor may make him sensible of the advantages he has missed in declining on any account such a business, excepting on that of his health, which I am informed he cannot plead; for such a man by name, and such an artist, has been in Richmond county not very long ago, as I am told, without either a line or a message to Sabine Hall.

A steady friend to society in every instance of justice, good order, and humanity.

LONDON CARTER,

SABINE HALL, March 7, 1777.

A short SERMON on MORTALITY.

TEXT—Job. v. 7. *Man is born unto trouble, as the sparks fly upwards.* I shall divide the discourse into, and consider it under, the three following heads.

First. Man's ingress into the world. Secondly. Progress through the world. Thirdly and lastly. His egress out of the world.

And first. Man's ingress into the world is naked and bare. Secondly. His progress through the world is trouble and care. Third and lastly. His egress out of the world is nobody knows where.

To conclude,

"If we do well here, we shall be well there;

"I can tell you no more, if I preach a whole year!"

DAMON, that noted horse, a fine chestnut sorrel, full 5 feet 5 inches high, stands at my house in Brunswick county, and will cover mares at 30s. the leap, and 4l. the season. Good pasturage gratis, but I will not be answerable for any mares that may get away.

JAMES WALL.

OLD PARTNER, that noted full blooded horse, in high perfection, stands at my stable near *Swan's Point*, in *Surry* county, and will cover mares at four dollars the leap, and ten dollars the season. Good pasturage gratis, but will not be answerable for any that may be missing. Partner is so well known that it is needless to mention his pedigree.

4|| **JOHN H. COCKE.**
SURRY, March 10, 1777.

RICHMOND, March 8, 1777.

AS the subscriber is to leave this commonwealth in a short time, he begs all those persons who have any claims against mess. *William Cuninghame & company*, of *Glasgow*, for dealings with *Mr. John Turner* at *Rocky Ridge*, or with *Mr. Robert Kennan* at *Cabin Point*, may apply immediately for payment of their just balances. He also desires all those who have demands against the aforesaid company, for dealings with him at this place, may likewise speedily apply for payment. He would be obliged to those who are owing the company on open receipt, for dealings with him, or with either of the above gentlemen, to come and have them settled, and grant bond, or other specialty, for what may be due, before his departure.-----He has for sale sundry **NEGROES**, which he will dispose of for ready money only.

WILLIAM HENDERSON.

For S A L E,

TRACT of LAND on the banks of *Rappahannock* river, in the upper part of *Lawrence* county, containing 3000 acres, nearly opposite to *Urbanna*, and stretching three miles along the said river, esteemed remarkably good, most of it being flat low grounds. It is a beautiful situation, and there is a good dwelling-house, and all convenient offices, about the centre of the tract, and other new buildings on other parts of the land. The whole to be surveyed, and sold either together or in lots, as may be most convenient to the purchaser or purchasers. This land has all the advantages of creeks, fish, oysters, and every other that a situation in the lower part of the country affords, and is attended with the valuable advantages of a good harbour for trade. All the stocks of horses, cattle, hogs, and 200 sheep, may be had with the land. For terms apply to *Henry Armistead*, esq; on the premises, or to *Thomas B. Griffin*, esq; near the same, who are invested with competent powers to dispose of the whole.

(tf) **BURGES BALL.**

HENRICO, March 10, 1777.

THE badness of the weather having prevented the sale of the land formerly advertised belonging to the estate of *R. R. Allen*, deceased, of *Henrico* county, it is proposed that on *Monday* the 12th of *May* next the said land shall be sold on the premises. One half the purchase money to be paid down, and credit will be given for the residue till *Christmas* 1778, the purchaser giving bond and approved security to

FRANCES ALLEN, executrix.
DAVID ALLEN, executor.

N. B. The bond to bear interest from the date, if not punctually paid.

To be SOLD at *Surry* courthouse, on *Tuesday* the 22d of *April*, being court day,

ABOUT 1000 acres of land in the said county, lying on *Cypress* swamp, well timbered, and was formerly the residence of *Dr. M'Kenzie*. Immediate possession may be had, and a good title made the purchasers, on giving bond and good security to

JOS: PRENTIS.

* * * *Col. Allen Cocke* is empowered to treat for the above land at private sale.

WILLIAMSBURG, March 11, 1777.

WILLIAMSBURG, March 21, 1777.

THE soldiers who deserted from the battalions raised in this state for continental service, who have not yet returned to their duty, it is feared are concealed, or at least countenanced, by those who falsely call or think themselves their friends, though they are in reality not only enemies to the deserters, but to themselves and country in general, by weakening the hands of those who are struggling in the glorious cause of liberty. It is hoped, therefore, that those infatuated people with whom they reside will no longer give them countenance or protection, but on the contrary exert themselves in apprehending and safely delivering them to the officer or officers to whom they belong, or at this place. A reward of **FIVE POUNDS** for each deserter so apprehended, and safely delivered, shall be paid. Those who return to their respective companies immediately, of their own accord, shall be received with impunity.

ANDREW LEWIS, Brig. Gen.

KING GEORGE, March 10, 1777.

DESERTED from me, about the first of *February* last, *RICHARD MOTT* and *WILLIAM THACKER*, who enlisted with me in the regular service, have taken the bounty money, and got certificates for them; which two men, I am informed, have since enlisted under *Mr. Edward Waller*, who is, I understand, to march immediately to *Williamsburg*. Whoever delivers the said two men at *Fredericksburg*, or to me at *King George* courthouse, shall have **TEN DOLLARS** reward, or **FIVE DOLLARS** for each.

2|| **JOHN TANKERSLEY**, lieutenant.

PRINCE GEORGE, March 20, 1777.

JOLLY ROGER, a beautiful chestnut, 15 hands high, will stand at *Mr. Thomas Peterson's*, near *Prince George* courthouse, to cover mares at 20s. the leap, or 50s. the season, the money to be paid before the mares are taken away. There are three extensive pastures provided, under very strong fences, in which are more than 100 acres of excellent meadow. All possible care will be taken, but I will not be liable for any mare that may get away. *Jolly Roger* was got by old *Jolly Roger*, his dam by *Dabster*, his grandam was the imported mare *Mary Gray*, remarkable for her speed.

(4) **EDMUND RUFFIN**, jun.

To be SOLD to the highest bidder, on *Thursday* the 24th of *April*, if fair, otherwise next fair day, at the plantation of *capt. Maximilian Robinson*, deceased, in *King George* county, near *Leedstown*, for ready money,

FORTY valuable **SLAVES**, men, women, fine boys and girls, a large stock of cattle, hogs, horses, and sheep, a quantity of *Indian* corn, wheat and rye, sundry kinds of household and kitchen furniture, some rum, sugar, wine, arrack, a quantity of empty bottles and carboys, and many other necessary articles, by

5|| The **EXECUTORS.**

* * * All persons who have demands against the said estate are desired to make them known at the day of sale, and those indebted thereto are requested to make immediate payment.

STRAYED from *Shirley* Hundred, about the 10th of *February*, a bay mare about 4 feet 10 inches high, branded on the near buttock *T N*, her hind feet white, and one of her hips higher than the other. Whoever delivers the said mare to me shall be well rewarded. She was seen in the *Berkeley* pastures a day or two after she ran away, and it is probable she is now in that neighbourhood.

CARTER BRAXTON.

TICKETS for the **UNITED STATES LOTTERY** may be had at the treasury office, and at the country store, in *Williamsburg*; of *col. John Banister*, near *Petersburg*; *Richard Adams*, esq; at *Richmond*; *col. John Syme*, at *Newcastle*; *Samuel Matthews*, esq; at *Staunton*, in *Augusta*; *Robert Johnston*, esq; in *Port Royal*; *col. Fielding Lewis*, in *Fredericksburg*; *William Carr*, esq; in *Dumfries*; and *Josiah Walton*, esq; in *Alexandria*.

HANOVER, March 1, 1777.

CRIPPLE, now in high perfection, will stand at my plantation near the *Meadow Bridges* the ensuing season, and cover mares at 40 s. the season (the money to be paid when the mares are taken away), or 15 s. the leap, the money to be paid at the stable door. Gentlemen who put mares by the season, and live at a distance, may have pasturage gratis, but I will not be answerable for any that may stray or be stolen, although my best endeavours shall not be wanting to prevent either. | **DANIEL TRUEHEART.**

THE soldiers belonging to *capt. Francis Moore's* company, of the 2d *Georgia* battalion, who were left on account of sickness, and those who had furloughs granted them, also such as have hitherto failed to join the company, are hereby strictly ordered to meet me at *Hicks's Ford*, in *Brunswick* county, on *Thursday* the 20th instant, to proceed on their march to *Georgia*. Should any fail appearing at the appointed time and place, they will be deemed as deserters, and treated accordingly.

2|| **DANIEL DUVAL**, lieutenant.

Twenty DOLLARS reward.

DESERTED from my company of regulars, *THOMAS CHEWNING*, a soldier upwards of 6 feet high, with short black hair, and is well made. He left *Caroline* county, with *John Chewning*, his brother, of *capt. Francis Taylor's* company, also *Thomas Cross*, who enlisted with *capt. Henry Garnett*, and *Samuel Cross* of the train, and it is suspected that the said *Thomas Chewning* has enlisted in the train. Whoever delivers the said soldier to the commanding officer at *Williamsburg*, or to me, shall have the above reward.

1|| **SAMUEL HAWS**, jun. capt. of the 2d *Virginia* regiment.

DESERTED from the *Hero* galley, *JOHN CURLE*, who was enlisted by *Mr. Henry Stratton* as a marine in *Chesterfield* county (of which I believe he is a native) and afterwards enlisted with the subscriber as a seaman. He is about 5 feet 7 inches high, and of a dark complexion. I have been informed that he is lurking somewhere in *Amelia* county. Whoever will apprehend the said deserter, and deliver him to the subscriber at *Hampton*, or (in case of absence) to the commanding officer at *Hampton*, shall receive 8l. reward.

GEORGE MUTER.

* * * *George Thomson* and *Samuel Ragland*, who had furloughs from me a considerable time ago, to go to *Charles City*, are desired immediately to return to their duty, otherwise they will be considered as deserters, and treated accordingly.

The noted swift horse *TRISTRAM SHANDY*,

NOW in high health, fat and vigorous, stands at *Beverly Plain*, in the lower end of *Caroline* county, and will cover mares this season at 50s. *Tristram Shandy* was got by *Merton's Traveller*, his dam by *Janus*, out of a fine *English* mare. Two very large pastures, under strong fences, for the mares gratis; and great care will be taken of them, but I will run no risk.

5|| **JAMES UPSHAW.**

WILLIAMSBURG, March 15, 1777.
ALL persons having demands against
licent. Bartholomew Yates, deceased,
are desired to make them known to Wil-
liam Yates, esq.

21 EDWARD RANDOLPH YATES.

WILLIAMSBURG, March 19, 1777.
THE creditors of col. Philip Johnson
having failed to meet the 13th instant,
pursuant to a former advertisement, are
again desired to attend, with their claims
properly stated, at the house of Mr.
Jams Southall in this city, on Tuesday the
8th day of April next. This request is the
more necessary, as some of the creditors,
who acceded to the deed of trust, only
signed their names without mentioning the
sums due, and the accounts of several
others still remain unsettled. The trustees
have in hand a considerable sum of money,
and are possessed of many bonds taken
with good security for the hire of negroes,
which they wish to divide in such manner
as may be most agreeable to all the cre-
ditors. Whatever balances may remain
due, col. Johnson proposes a speedy me-
thod of discharging. He is extremely
anxious to do the most ample justice to
all his creditors, and equally solicitous to
have what remains of his estate disencum-
bered. The TRUSTEES.

TRAVELLER, a fine bay, in high
perfection, 16 hands high, and rising
5 years old, stands at Tutty's Neck, just
below Williamsburg, and will cover mares
at 10s. the leap, and 30s. the season.
He was got by col. Lewis Burwell's horse,
who was a son of Old Traveller, out of a
full blooded Janus mare, and his dam was
an imported English mare. Good pasturage
gratis, but I will not be answerable for
escapes. JAMES SOUTHALL.

N. B. The above horse is for sale, on
12 months credit for one half the purchase
money.

TRAVELLER, a beautiful bay, up-
wards of 15 hands high, and in great
perfection, will stand the ensuing season at
the subscriber's, near Charles City court-
house, and will cover mares at 20s. a
leap, to be paid at the stable door, or 31.
the season, payable the first of October,
but may be discharged by the payment of
40s. when the mares are taken away.
Traveller was got by Morton's Old Travel-
ler, his dam by Old Janus, out of a fine
imported mare. Good pasturage gratis,
and the greatest care shall be taken of the
mares, but I will not be answerable for any
that may be missing. JOHN EDLOE.

*** I am still in want of a MILLER,
who will meet with great encouragement
if he comes well recommended. ||

N. CAROLINA, Halifax county, Feb 20.
WHIRLIGIG will cover this spring,
at my plantation on Quonkey, at
50s. proc. the leap, 51. the season, or 71.
10s. to ensure. I will not be answerable
for any mares that may be lost. Gentle-
men may have their mares well fed for
6s. 8d. proc. per week.

Whirligig was imported from England
by John Allen, esq; of Philadelphia, in
1773. He is full 15 hands high, dark bay,
was got by lord Portmore's bay horse
Captain, a son of Young Cartouch, out of
the dam of Firetail, who was deemed the
fastest horse since Old Childers. His dam
was got by the Devonshire Black Legs, his
grandam by True Blue, out of Slamerkin.
She bred Bustard, Victorious Oronoko, Ver-
non's Amelia, and other racers. In April
1769, when this fine horse was rising four
years old, his owner received forfeit 1000
guineas from Rapid; the same year he
beat Volunteer, for 200 guineas; in October
1770 he beat Warwickshire Wag, now a
noted covering horse in England, for 100
guineas; and the same year he beat Atri-
des, for 100 guineas.

81 WILLIE JONES.

To be SOLD, for ready money or short credit,
to the highest bidders, on the premises, on
Monday the 7th of April, if fair, other-
wise first fair day,

THE plantation whereon Adam Fleming,
etq; deceased, lately lived, lying at
the mouth of Chiapox creek, on James
river, about four miles from Cabin Point,
containing about 1100 acres, between 3 or
400 acres of which are marsh, capable of
being reclaimed; 30 acres of it were tend-
ed last year in corn, and there are 50 acres
more reclaimed fit for use, with a suffici-
ent ditch. All the cleared land upon the
plantation is under a new fence, and 70
bushels of wheat sown. There is land al-
ready ploughed for the work of eight
hands, who will be hired till the first of
next January, along with the plantation,
if it is not sold. There is on it a good
brick dwelling-house completely finished,
with two large rooms and closets below,
and an extraordinary good cellar, likewise
three good rooms above, with closets, a
remarkable convenient and large new built
kitchen, with every other necessary out-
house. At the same time and place will
be sold, for ready money only, all the rest
of the estate of the deceased, consisting of
18 very likely young negroes, among
whom are six fellows who have been bred
to the water, one an exceeding good ship
carpenter, and another an accomplished
waiting man, who understands the care
of horses, a wench that is a very good
sempstress, and four other wenches,
equally capable of house work and the
field; also a number of valuable blooded
horses, mares, and colts, proper either
for saddle or plough, likewise the stock of
cattle, sheep, and hogs, belonging to the
plantation, and its working utensils, house
and kitchen furniture of the best kind, all
new, some plate, about 1000 wt. of brown
sugar, and about 400 wt. of coffee, old
spirit, and brandy, between 2 and 3000 wt.
of bacon exceedingly well cured, a pair of
choice European millstones, a seine and
boats, a nine hhd. flat, a set of pump
borer's tools, a quantity of nails of diffe-
rent sizes, window glass, paints of diffe-
rent colours, a neat topt single chair with
harness, ditchers boots and ditching tools,
with many other articles.---Those who
may have demands on the deceased will
please to make them known by or before
the day of sale, at which time payment
will be endeavoured to be made. All bonds
and accounts that are not due by the de-
ceased, allowing the usual discount, will be
discharged; and it is expected all those
who are indebted to the deceased will
make immediate payment. His store
books are in the hands of

(4) JAMES WILLISON, exec.

HANOVER, March 1, 1777.

RUN away from the subscriber on the
3d of February, at night, WILL,
a negro man, by trade a carpenter, of a
yellow complexion, middle stature, well
set, flat nosed, and has lost one of his
upper fore teeth; had on when he went
away white Virginia cloth jacket and bree-
ches, common negro shoes, old beaver
hat, with a small brim, and carried with
him a Dutch blanket almost new, a pair
of old black lasting breeches, and a shirt
of the same linen with the one he had on.
I expect he is either lurking about Mr.
Braxton Bird's in King & Queen, of whom
I purchased him, or Mr. Corbin's in Mid-
dlesex, where his mother lives. He is a
cunning sensible fellow, well acquainted
in many parts of the country, and is
very capable of telling a plausible story. I
will give 51. reward to any person who
will secure the said slave, so that I get him
again, and reasonable expenses if brought
home.

DANIEL TRUEHEART.

WILLIAMSBURG, March 20, 1777.
WANTED immediately, four or five
good HOUSE CARPENTERS, also
five or six NEGRO CARPENTERS, for
which a good price will be given by apply-
ing to

(4) FRANCIS JARAM.

LOST, or paid away through mistake,
between the 3d and 6th of February
last, either in Williamsburg or as I was re-
turning home, a THIRTY DOLLAR bill
of continental currency. Whoever deli-
vers the said bill to me, in Caroline county,
shall have 40s. reward; but if paid away
through mistake, I make no doubt the
gentleman will take the first opportunity
of conveying it to me.

21 JAMES FLETCHER.

N. CAROLINA, Northampton county,
Feb 18, 1777.

THE beautiful high bred gray horse
BADGER stands at my house, and
will cover mares this spring at 51. proc.
the season, or 50s. the leap, the money
to be paid before the mares are taken
away. Good pasturage gratis, and great
care shall be taken of the mares, but I
will not be answerable for any that may
get away. Such gentlemen as choose it
may have their mares well fed for 5s.
Virginia money per week.

BADGER was got by Bocphones, a son
of Babram, who was got by the Godolphin
Arabian; Badger's dam was got by the
famous Black and all Black, his grandam
by the Flying Childers. He is 15 hands
and a half high, and remarkably sure.

81 ALLEN JONES.

DUMFRIES, March 1, 1777.

AS the subscriber proposes leaving the
country in April next, he requests
the favour of those who still have unsettled
accounts with him, for business transacted
at this place on account of Colin Dunlop
and son, & co. of Glasgow, to apply, in
order that their respective balances may be
ascertained by specialty or otherwise before
his departure; and those who have any
claims against him, or the said company,
are desired to make them known.

ALEX. CAMPBELL.

To be SOLD, agreeable to the last will and
testament of the Hon. William Byrd, esq;
deceased, on Thursday the 24th of April,
at Westover, in Charles City county,
about 25 miles below Richmond town,

ONE hundred Virginia born SLAVES,
well clothed, among whom are
many very fine tradesmen, colliers, forge-
men, carpenters, shoemakers, an exceed-
ing good cook, washerwomen, and dairy
maids. Also some very elegant furniture
and plate, with part of the stocks of hor-
ses, cattle, and sheep, and some very va-
luable high blooded horses. The sale will
be for ready money, but those who have
demands against the estate by judgments
or protested bills of exchange, will be al-
lowed the same in payment of any purchase
they may make. All those who are in-
debted to the estate are requested to make
payment, as soon as possible; and those
who have any demands against it to make
them known, together with the grounds
of their respective debts, to

The EXECUTRIX.

*** The executrix has also for sale a
good brick house, situated in the city of
Williamsburg with four rooms on each
floor, lately occupied by the said William
Byrd, esq; and at present by the reverend
Mr. Bracken. The dwelling-house has all
convenient out houses, and several enclosed
lots adjoining. Also the very valuable li-
brary of the said deceased, consisting of
near 4000 volumes. The house and library
will be disposed of either by private or
publick sale, as may be most agreeable to
the purchasers.

For **S A L E,**

FIFTEEN hundred and forty acres of the best kind of tobacco land, lying in the county of *Granville* and state of *North Carolina*, about two miles from the courthouse, on which are all convenient houses, and cleared land sufficient to employ an overseer and 15 working negroes. -- Also to **RENT**, for one year, or a term of years, between 1500 and 2000 acres of land in the county of *Nansemond*, within a quarter of a mile of *Suffolk*, on which is a grist mill 40 by 30 feet, with three floors and two pair of stones, altogether calculated for the manufacturing business; likewise a saw mill, that carries two saws, with which 300 000 feet may be cut with great ease in the year. Any person who may incline either to purchase the former, or rent the latter, may know the terms by applying to Mr. *John Driver* in *Suffolk*, or the subscriber in *Prince George*.

DAVID MEADE.

To be **SOLD**, on Monday the 31st instant, at the late dwelling-house of Mr. *William Pearson*, deceased, for ready money,

A VARIETY of household and kitchen furniture, also a cart and team of horses, and several head of cattle. The sale to begin at 10 o'clock.

(2) MARY M. PEARSON, adm.

SLOE, late the property of Col. *Thomas Nelson*, now stands at *Cherry Cook*, and will cover mares at 20s. a leap, and 3l. the season. The money to be paid, before the mares are taken away, to

WILLIAM NEALE.

GRASSLAND, March 1, 1777.

THE subscriber lives on a spacious beautiful farm about 16 miles from *Petersburg*, on the *Halifax* road, in the county of *Blanco*, which he would sell or exchange for rich back land. The tract contains about 300 acres, 400 of it low grounds, the soil fine for corn and oats generally, a sufficient proportion stiff enough for wheat, and a large quantity of it delightful grass land, some reclaimed, and nicely prepared for the scythe. The houses, enclosures, and other adventitious conveniences, any gentleman had better see than I describe.

ROBERT SKIPWITH.

To be **SOLD** at *Fredericksburg*, on Thursday the 3d of April, for ready money, if fair, otherwise next fair day,

SIXTY valuable *Virginia* born SLAVES, consisting of men, women, and children, boys and girls, some of which are good house servants, kitchen and dairy maids, spinners, and a gardener. An indubitable title will be made.

ECLIPSE, a beautiful bay, well marked, full 15 hands 3 inches high, rising 6 years old, in high perfection, will cover this season at Mr. *John B. Fife's*, in *Cheslerfield* county, near *Goode's bridge*, at 20s. the leap ready money, and 4l. the season. The money to be paid when the mares are taken away. Exceeding fine low ground pasturage gratis, but I will not be answerable for escapes. Entertainment for gentlemen's servants gratis.

Eclipse was got by *Old Fearnought*, his dam an imported mare, got by *Shakespeare*.

JOHN HARRIS.

STRAYED or STOLEN from the College gate, in the evening of Saturday the 15th of February, a sorrel horse about 14 hands high, with a small star in his forehead, hanging mane and short switch tail, his natural pacer, low in flesh, his brand (if any) forgot had on a saddle and snaffle bridle. Whoever brings the said horse to Mr. *William Finnie*, in *Williamsburg*, shall be handsomely rewarded.

The beautiful high bred horse **SHAKESPEARE**

WILL cover the ensuing season, at *Tuckahoe*, in *Goochland* county at twelve dollars the season, and four dollars the leap; the money for the season is to be paid when the mares are taken away, and for the leap at the stable door. There will be extensive and very good high and low ground pastures, but no insurance against accidents.

Shakespeare was got by the noted horse *Fearnought*, upon *Moll Brazen*; she was imported, and is of unexceptionable blood. He is a fine dapple gray, 5 years old this spring, in high perfection, and 15 hands high. THOMAS M. RANDOLPH.

ROMEO, 15 hands and a half high, full blooded, fit either for the turf or saddle, a beautiful bright bay, stands at my plantation in *Augusta* county, about 4 miles from *Providence* meeting-house, and will cover the ensuing season at 20s. a leap, 40s. ready money for the season, or 3l. on 12 months credit. He was got by *Old Partner*, out of a *Fearnought* mare; she was got by *Old Janus*, out of a *Jolly Roger* mare. Good pasturage gratis, but I will not be answerable for any mares that get away.

5l JAMES M'CHESNEY.

MOUNT AIRY, Feb. 17, 1777.

IT is judged necessary, in order to obviate some false and malicious reports, to inform the publick, that *YORICK* stands at *Mount Airy* to cover mares the ensuing season for his usual price of 3l. and 5s. to the groom, with pasturage as usual. The money, it is hoped, will be paid when the mares are taken away. The old horse is in high health and vigour, and all due care shall be taken by the publick's obedient servant,

JOHN WHELDON.

Many full bred MARES, COLTS, &c. to be sold by bargain with J. W.

FEARNOUGHT, 15 hands 2 inches high, formerly belonging to mess. *Bolling, Gray, & Crump*, but now the property of the subscribers, stands at *William Dandridge's* of *Hanover*, in full perfection, and will cover mares at a guinea the leap, 3l. the season, or five guineas insurance. There needs no farther recommendation than to his former customers, who will very justly certify the beauty as well as size of his colts, the sale of many of them having enlarged his value to the price of 800l. at which sum he was purchased. Good and extensive clover pasturage, including the forward sowing of upwards of 40 bushels of wheat, under a strong fence, gratis; and due care shall be taken of all the mares, but will not be liable for any that may get away.

ARCHER PAYNE. WILLIAM DANDRIDGE.

For **S A L E,**

A TRACT of very good level land in *Middlesex* county, on *Pianketank* river, containing 624 acres. It abounds with fine fish, oysters, and wildfowl, and is convenient to church, mill, and warehouse. Any person inclinable to purchase will be shewn the land by *William Matthews*, who lives on the premises, and the terms may be known of

WILLIAM JONES.

HESE, March 5, 1777.

SURRY, a fine bay, 16 hands high, and very strong, stands at my plantation, and will cover the ensuing season at 40s. a mare, and 15s. the single leap. He was got by Col. *Baylor's* horse *Fearnought*, out of a high blooded mare.

4l WILLIAM ARMISTEAD.

ON Wednesday the 26th of this instant (March) will be sold to the highest bidder, for ready money, at the plantation of *Henry Harrison*, deceased, in *Suffolk* county, about 400 barrels of CORN.

(2) NATHANIEL HARRISON.

Twenty DOLLARS reward

LOST or STOLEN, a very remarkable black shaggy dog of the *Pomerania* breed, called *SPADO*. He belongs to our brave but unfortunate general *LEE*, and was seen in the possession of a person who called himself *JOSEPH BLOCK*, at *Wright's* ferry, on *Susquichannah*, about the 25th of December last. It is supposed that *BLOCK*, who pretended to have undertaken to carry him to *Berkeley* county, *Virginia*, has parted with him for a trifling consideration, or lost him on the road. Whoever gives information where the said dog may be had, or will bring him to the subscriber in *Williamsburg*, shall receive the above reward, and no questions asked. WILLIAM FINNIE.

STRAYED from the plantation of Mr. *Robert Tomkins*, in *Caroline*, on Tuesday the 11th of February, a middle sized light bay gelding 4 years old last May, his hind feet white, with a dark spot on one heel, but which I cannot say, his head is large, which he carries badly, has a short neck, his tail has been drawn, but not docked, has no brand that I recollect, trots fast, and is more inclinable to that gait than any other. Whoever delivers the said horse to Mr. *Johnson*, merchant in *Port Royal*, or to the subscriber living at the ferry upon *Potomack* river, shall have a reward of FIVE DOLLARS.

4l GERARD HOOE.

SPRIGHTLY will be let to mares the ensuing season, at the subscriber's plantation about 14 miles above *Petersburg*, adjoining *Cocke's* road. The high bred *English* horse *SPRIGHTLY*, full 15 hands high, rising 8 years old, is of a beautiful dark chestnut colour, and was got by *Wildan's Bahram*, his dam by *Rogers's Bahram*, his grandam by *Sedbury*, out of lord *Portmore's Ebony*. He is well suited to breed for either the saddle or turf, being remarkably light and quick in his movements, and free from any blemish or hurt. He won the purse for the four years old at *Epsom*, that same year he was imported. He will be let at 30s. a leap, or 4l. the season, and the cash will be expected before the mares are taken away. Various and extensive pasturage, under a good fence, for the mares, gratis; and they shall be taken the greatest care of, but I will not be answerable for any that may be missing. 12l ABRAHAM SMITH.

JUNIUS will stand at his usual place in *Prince Edward*, under the direction of my brother, to cover mares the ensuing spring at 20s. the leap, 3l. the season (payable in October) and 5l. to ensure the pregnancy of a mare.

Junius has sufficiently distinguished himself by the activity and symmetry of form of his colts; and his blood is inferior to no horse in *America*, which is well authenticated by Col. *Harrison's* certificate, who is a gentleman of veracity.

6l EDWARD WATTS.

I do hereby certify, that the bay horse *Junius*, now the property of Mr. *Edward Watts* of *Prince Edward*, was bred by me and got by Col. *Taylor's* running horse *Yorick*, his dam by *Othello* (as high a bred horse as ever came to *America*) his grandam by *Monkey* (an imported horse) out of the old running *Spanish* mare that was originally imported by my father. Given under my hand, this 8th of November, 1776. NATHANIEL HARRISON.

By his Excellency PATRICK HENRY, jun. esq; Governor or Chief Magistrate of the Commonwealth of Virginia:

A P R O C L A M A T I O N.

WHEREAS sundry persons, whose names have been transmitted to me by several county courts, as coming within the resolution of General Assembly directing certain persons to depart this state, have not applied for farther time to remove themselves, and the time formerly appointed for that purpose is expired; that is to say, *William Blair of King George, Patrick M. Auley of Hanover, James Dunlop of Dinwiddie, James Stevens, Walter Robertson, James Calland, and Thomas Hope, of Halifax, James Sampson, James Hay, and Archibald Philips, of Surry, William Shedden, Alexander M. Kean, and James Ritchie, of Essex, John Miller of Spotsylvania, William Gault of Amherst, James Stirling, and James Dunlop, of Southampton, Archibald Bryce, jun. of Goochland, Alexander Roxbrough, and John Fagail, of Nansemond*: I have therefore thought proper, by and with the advice of the Council, to issue this my proclamation, hereby requiring the county lieutenants of the several counties aforesaid to take into their custody such of the above named persons as are within their respective counties, as prisoners of war, agreeable to the said resolution of Assembly; and all other subjects of this state are hereby required to be aiding and assisting therein. All such of the said prisoners as reside on the south side of *James river* must be removed to the courthouse of *Cumberland county*, and those on the north side of the said river to *Caroline courthouse*, where they are to be provided for as prisoners of war, and to be allowed the benefit of the prison bounds till farther orders, they giving their parole not to go out of the same, and to behave themselves in an orderly manner.

Given under my hand this 26th day of March, in the first year of the commonwealth, and in the year of our Lord 1777.

PATRICK HENRY, jun.

B O S T O N, February 24.

Extract of a letter dated Liverpool, Nov. 23.

WE are much alarmed with the idea of a French and Spanish war. The press is very hot both by sea and land, in all sea ports in the three kingdoms. A large fleet of the line are put into commission, and will soon be manned, which is the likeliest matter I know to prevent a war. Insurance has continued to rise; from *Dominica* we insure 1000l, from thence to *Liverpool*, and gave 20 guineas to return 5 if she failed with convoy. No trade can bear such a premium. The African trade is now quite put a stop to."

P H I L A D E L P H I A, March 11.

WE learn from *Newport*, that both the king's troops and inhabitants are obliged to live entirely upon salt provisions, likewise that wood is very scarce and dear, which has induced the enemy to burn fences, stores, stables, and other dwelling-houses.

March 12. Wednesday at noon his excellency *Thomas Wharton, jun. esq;* president of the supreme executive council of the commonwealth of *Pennsylvania*, captain general and commander in chief in and over the same, was proclaimed at the courthouse, in the presence of a vast concourse of people, who expressed the highest satisfaction on the occasion, by unanimous shouts of acclamation.

Since our last, the lady of his Excellency general *Washington* arrived here from the southward.

March 13. On Tuesday the 15th instant 500 men attacked the Hessian picket guard near *Brunswick*, drove them in, took 11 milch cows, 2 horses, and brought off 15 or 20 loads of hay, which those mercenaries had stacked up within their lines. After the Hessians ran, a number of the light horse came out, drew their swords, and cut a few capers, but did not choose to disturb our men, whom they saw very leisurely take away the hay.

March 18. On Wednesday the 12th instant the ship *Sally*, captain *Rollins*, from *Nantz*, was chased in the mouth of our bay by a man of war and tender; the captain ran her ashore on *Cape May*, where he with all the people escaped, but as the tide came in the ship floated, and was drawn off by the tender. Unfortunately there was not a single gun mounted on this vessel by which the captain might have defended her against boats or small tenders, else in all probability her cargo at least might have been saved, which would have been very acceptable to the publick, though we are happy to find that it was not of half the value that is generally imagined, as she had little in her but lead, of which article we have lately received great supplies, so that we can provide every red or blue coated plunderer with a full pound of it, if an ounce should not prove sufficient to make him honest.

The following intelligence is received by a gentleman who came passenger in the above ship, viz. The declaration of independence has not in the least altered the sentiments of our friends in England, nor diminished their number. Those who are real friends of liberty now openly avow, that the Americans are justifiable in their revolt from Great Britain; that they have not the least expectation of their ever returning to their former state of dependence, nor do they wish ever to see America any thing else than a sister state, being firmly persuaded, that should the Americans be reduced to a state of slavery, their own liberty, or even the semblance of it, could not long survive.

We also learn, that though Great Britain has certainly applied to Russia, for troops, and though the empress seems willing to lend them, we may be assured that no Russian soldier will ever be sent to this country, as France is absolutely determined that they shall never set foot on this quarter of the globe.

France is now arming at all points for a war with Great Britain. The protection she offers to American ships of war, and every other publick step she takes, is of such a nature as to make it absolutely certain that a war between France and England is either actually begun, or must very soon take place.

There has lately been a change of ministry in Spain. The late prime minister was averse to a war with Great Britain, and the present minister is zealous for it, so that we know what to expect from that quarter. Immediately on this change of administration, a large fleet sailed from Spain, as was supposed against the Portuguese settlements in America.

We are told that our friends in England are in hourly expectation of hearing that we have declared war against the insolent, impotent kingdom of Portugal. The French merchants in general, in all their seaport towns, show the utmost desire of opening a trade with the independent states of America, which they will carry on at their own risk. Insurance is now done from France to America at 20 per cent. so that we may soon expect to have very plentiful supplies.

Extract of a letter from an officer in New Jersey.

"The officer who commanded the 2000 British troops going as a reinforcement from *Amboy* to *Brunswick*, we hear, is under an arrest for undertaking, like *Don Quixote*, to do impossibilities, and get himself a great and immortal name. For this purpose, he, instead of marching directly to *Brunswick* (which he might have done) must needs go 14 miles out of the direct road to take prisoners general *Maxwell* and his party at *Spanktown*, and to make his triumphant entry into *Brunswick*, leading his captives in chains, like an old Roman general; in which he found his fatal mistake when too late to remedy it, for he found that he had surrounded a nest of American hornets, who soon put his whole body to flight, pursued them to *Amboy*, and obliged them to get on board their ships again, since which they have never ventured a second time to reinforce their cooped up brethren in *Brunswick*."

B A L T I M O R E, March 18.

BY mr. *Charles Cook*, a gentleman who arrived here last night in 12 days from *Newbern*, we have the following important intelligence, viz. That the day before he set out he saw a certain capt. *Stedman*, who commands a company in the 5th regiment of *North Carolina* troops, who was just returned from *Charlestown*, and there saw a large French fleet, consisting of 15 vessels of war, two of them 80 gun ships, and 40 merchantmen; that two of the armed vessels lay within the bar; that they had on board 200 pieces of brass cannon, 30,000 stand of small arms, and a great quantity of dry goods, for the use of the American states. Their destination was *Chesapeake* and *Delaware bays*. Mr. *Cook* declares that he himself heard capt. *Stedman* relate the above facts, and that capt. *Stedman* is a gentleman of undoubted veracity.

W I L L I A M S B U R G, March 28.

BY mr. *Thomas Dixon*, who is just arrived from *Bermuda*, we learn that he was taken in the *Eagle*, capt. *Johnson*, belonging to *Baltimore*, with 5000 wt. of gunpowder, salt, and dry goods, by the *Galatea's* tender, one *Burns* commander, who is a native of *Maryland*. After remaining on board the tender some time, he was turned over to the *Nautilus*, cruising off *Bermuda*, where, after remaining best part of a day, without being offered any kind of sustenance, he was put on shore, to shift for himself. Every thing was taken from the prisoners but the clothes on their backs, and the captain of the *Eagle* was forced to go mate with *William Goodrich* (who lately made his escape from *Baltimore jail*) to *New York*. While he was on board the *Nautilus*, he heard the officers mention the certainty of a French and Spanish war; and, while in *Bermuda*, the common topic of conversation was, that a vessel from France, bound to *Philadelphia*, had been taken in the straits by an English cruiser, who, in throwing over her despatches, one of the letters lodged in the chains, which contained assurances from the French court of her having 15,000 troops at the service of America, if they should be wanted, and of 20 sail of the line being on the point of departure for our assistance. He also brings an account of the *Buckskin* privateer, capt. *Handy*, belonging to *Baltimore*, being taken and burnt by the *Galatea*; the captain and people now prisoners on board that frigate.

The addresses of the Lords and Commons of England, in answer to the royal speech, running in the old courtly strain, a mere echo of promises to comply with what is recommended to them, we think it needless to insert at full length. It may be not amiss, however, to observe, that they now deign to term the present contest a great national concern, and their King acknowledges that the interests of all his subjects are essentially concerned in the issue, he might have added the fate of himself and kingdom likewise, now fast approaching to that period which has ever attended TYRANNY, and a dissolution of publick virtue.

A deserter was shot upon the commons in Philadelphia, the 8th instant, pursuant to the sentence of a general court martial. The Congress, resolved to put a stop to that baneful and scandalous practice, have directed that the articles of war be rigorously put in execution against all delinquents.

The Congress have resolved, that an interest of 6 per centum be allowed on all sums of money already borrowed and directed to be borrowed on Loan Office certificates, although such certificates mention only an interest of 4 per centum per annum.

The Congress have likewise resolved, that it be recommended to the legislatures or executive powers of the United States to cause assessments of BLANKETS to be made, in order to furnish their several quotas of soldiers with an article so necessary to defend themselves from the inclemency of weather, and damp air, in their encampments; a proper officer in every county, district, or township, to be appointed to receive such blankets, and to pay a just and reasonable price for them.

IN COUNCIL.

WILLIAMSBURG, March 25, 1777.
FROM information received from various quarters, there being strong reason to suppose that the officers who are recruiting men within this commonwealth for the Georgia service have exceeded the number they were, by a resolution of the General Assembly, permitted to enlist, it is therefore ordered, that the said recruiting officers do henceforth forbear to recruit more men, till they can satisfy this Board that they are yet within the limits prescribed them. (A copy)

ARCH. BLAIR, clerk.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

WILLIAMSBURG, March 28, 1777.
THOSE persons who are entitled to shares in the prize lately taken by Capt. Thomas Lilly, who have not already received their dividend, are desired to apply immediately, with proper certificates from the captain, to the subscriber, where they will be proportioned between the rest of the crew.

BY N. POWELL, marshal.
LOST by the subscriber, from near Portsmouth, about the first of May last, a female mare about 4 feet 6 inches high, of a brown perceptive, has a large blaze in her face inclining to the off side, her hind feet white, glass eyes, and paces and gallops very well; she was bred in Middlesex county, and would probably go into the lower part of the Northern Neck. Whoever will deliver the said mare to Mr. John George in Middlesex, shall have 10 dollars reward, or 15 dollars if delivered to Col. Edmund Pendleton of Caroline.

AMBRIDGE, WALDEN.
TWO black NEGROES, viz. two fellows, one boy, a wench and child, belonging to the estate of John Madison, deceased, will be sold at Hanover courthouse, on Thursday the 3d of April, for ready money.

EDWARD HILL, adm.

SOUTHAMPTON county, March 27, 1777.

DESERTED, Daniel Christian and John Bescott, who enlisted with me in the continental service. Any person that will deliver the above deserters to the commanding officer in Williamsburg shall receive TWENTY DOLLARS reward for each. JAMES GRAY, capt.

NORTHUMBERLAND, March 20, 1777.

ON Thursday the 10th of April next will be sold for ready money, at Wicomico warehouse, a large PILOT BOAT, taken up in Chesapeake bay in August last, by the company under my command, supposed to have drifted from Lord Dunmore's fleet, then lying in the aforesaid bay.

JOS. PH. HARCUM.

To be SOLD on Friday the 4th of April, at the late dwelling place of William Marston, deceased, in New Kent county, STOCKS of various kinds, household and kitchen furniture, a genteel riding single chair, about 50 barrels of corn and 20 bushels of pease, with bacon, lard, &c. Ready money will be expected for all sums under 40s. and 12 months credit allowed for any above, the purchasers giving bond and security. All persons who have demands against the said estate are requested to make them known on that day, and those indebted to make immediate payment.

JOHN ARMISTEAD, } exec.
JOSEPH VAIDEN, }
N. B. Bonds not punctually paid to carry interest from the date.

THE annual meeting of the treasurer, trustees, and subscribers to the fund for the relief of the widows and orphans of clergymen, is hereby appointed to be held on Saturday the 10th of May next. The trustees for the present year are, the reverend messrs. Thomas Wilkinson, William Leigh, Thomas Price, Henry Skyring, Thomas Lunde, and James M. Fontaine. The preachers are, the reverend Thomas Field in the morning, and reverend Samuel S. M. Crofkey in the afternoon.

By order.

JACOB BRUCE, clerk.

WILLIAMSBURG, March 24, 1777.
PURSUANT to an order of York county court, appointing us to agree with some person to make the creek navigable through the stone bridge lately erected at the Capitol Landing, and to stop up the said creek where the old bridge now stands, we give this publick notice, that we shall proceed to let the said work to the lowest bidder on Tuesday the 15th of next month, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, at the Capitol Landing.

DUDLEY DIGGES.

JOHN BLAIR.

DAVID JAMESON.

WILLIAM GRAVES.

JOHN TAZEWELL.

For SALE,
TRACT of LAND in Hanover county, on Totopotomoy creek, containing about 300 acres, on which is a good plantation, and the land very rich. A farther description is thought needless, as it is expected the purchaser will view the land before he buys. It lies about four miles from Page's warehouse. For terms inquire of Mr. John Richardson, near the premises, or of the subscriber, at Capt. Turner Richardson's, Albemarle county.

JOHN SYMS.

SCIPIO, a fine chestnut, full 15 hands and a half high, stands at my house in Middlesex, the ensuing season, to cover mares at the low price of two dollars the leap, or six dollars the season; the money to be paid when the mares are taken away. Pasturage for mares gratis, but I will not be answerable for any that may escape.

GEORGE BIRD.

For SALE,

TRACT of LAND in Isle of Wight county, containing 900 acres, on which is a very good brick dwelling-house, and all other convenient out-houses. Also 80 acres of land in the county of Surry, on which is a good mill. For terms apply to me, at Warrasqueak Bay.

(if) NATHANIEL BURWELL.

MERRY TOM, now in high perfection, stands at the High Hills, in Suffolk county, to cover mares at 30s. the leap, 31. the season, or 51. to ensue. He was bred by Mr. Parker of Newcastle in England, and was got by Regulus, his dam by Locust, a son of Crab, his grandam by a son of the Flying Childers, his great grandam by Old Partner. MERRY TOM won the 300 guineas sweepstakes at Richmond, being then 4 years old. He also won 501. at Durham, and the noblemen and gentlemen's subscription purse at Cupar, when 5 years old. This I have from under the importer's hand. Good pasturage gratis, but I will not be answerable for any that may be stolen or get away.

HENRY GEE.

BUCEPHALUS, a fine sorrel, full blooded, 15 hands 2 inches high, will begin the first day of April to cover mares at Aylett's warehouse, in King William county, at 15s. a leap, or 40s. the season. The money will be expected when the mares are taken away.

Bucephalus was got by Col. Tayloe's noted horse Yorick, his dam by Carcles. Good pasturage gratis, but I will not be answerable for any mares that may be lost.

REUBEN BUTLER.

DESERTED from my company of the 7th Virginia regiment, on their march from Williamsburg to Fredericksburg, the following soldiers, viz. Reuben Cox, a stout young fellow, about 6 feet high, 22 years old, has dark hair and complexion, but his dress I cannot describe. Carter Fletcher, about 20 years old, 5 feet 8 inches high, has dark hair and complexion, and his uniform was pale blue, turned up with red calimanco. Benjamin Dean, about 23 years old, and Curtis Hardy, about 20 years old, their dress I cannot describe. Cox and Fletcher were enlisted in Essex, Dean in King and Queen, and Hardy in Middlesex. Whoever apprehends the said deserters, and delivers them at head quarters in Williamsburg, shall have TEN DOLLARS reward for each.

JOHN WEBB, capt.

RUN away from the subscriber in Williamsburg, the 1st of this instant (March) a lusty Virginia born negro fellow named SAM, about 25 years old, his upper fore teeth stand a little out, and are wide apart; had on when he went away an old Virginia cloth jacket, a new shirt and short breeches made of country linen, and wore a straw hat. He was late the property of the rev. Henry F. Burges of Southampton county, and I purchased him at Smithfield, in which neighbourhood I expect he is now lurking. I will give 40s. to have him secured so that I get him again, or 31. if brought home.

JOHN MEED.

MARCH 27, 1777.
STOLEN last night, from my stable in the city of Williamsburg, two bay horses, one of them a large heavy horse full 15 hands high, with a star in his forehead, the other about 14 hands and a half high, and was shod behind. The large horse is round and in good order, the other horse is not in so good order, and has a very small star in his forehead. I will genteelly reward any person who will inform me of these horses, and pay 51. on conviction of the thief.

WILLIAM AYLETT.